Kutir Jyoti Programme	Sanctioned	Drawn
2001-02	303.00	152.00
2002-03 (upto 18.2.2003)	457.50	108.00

Under Kutir Jyoti Programme, 50% of the sanctioned grant is released on acceptance of the Kutir Jyoti scheme by the State Governments/ State Power Utilities and the balance 50% on relese of connections, on furnishing list of beneficiaries by the State Governments/State Power Utilities.

Review the power scenario in A.P.

1491. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the power scenario in Andhra Pradesh to know the latest demand and supply position in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The demand and supply position in various States of the country including Andhra Pradesh is prepared in Central Electricity Authority every month based on information from concerned State power utility.

(b) The details of actural power supply position in Andhra Pradesh during January, 2003 and the period April, 2002 to January, 2003 are as follows:

	Energy (MU)			Peak (MW)	
	January, 2003	April, 2002—January, 2003		January, 2003	April, 2002-January, 2003
Requirement	3417	39549	Peak Demand	6679	8491
Availability	3393	36497	Peak Met	6546	6858
Shortage	24	3052	Shortage	133	1633
(%)	0.7	7.7	(%)	2.0	19.2

(c) Electricity is a concurrent subject. However, supply and distribution of electricity in a State is the responsibility of the State Government/State Power utility concerned. Government of India has tried to supplement the efforts of the State by way of capacity addition through Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs), maximisation of energy generation from existing central generating stations, maximisation in export of power from surplus regions and strengthening/augmentation of sub-transmission and distribution system by providing funds under the APDRP. Simhadri Thermal Power Plant (2X500 MW) which is dedicated to A.P., has been commissioned in the recent past by National Thermal Power Corporation. Recently Talcher-Kolar HVDC bipole (200 MW) has been commisioned by POWERGRID which has facilitated additional power flow from Eastern Region to Southern Region of which A.P. is also a beneficiary.

Generation of power from natural gas and coal

1492. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is too much emphasis on power to be generatod from natural gas;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there is ample scope to generate power from coal;

(c) what are the reasons for ignoring the potential of coal in the country for power generation;

(d) whether vested interests are against use of coal; and

(e) steps proposed to give more emphasis to power generation from easily available coal in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) The question do not arise.